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FRECHETTE, MARK

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ON 12-21-2010

Entry Date: 09/11/1973  
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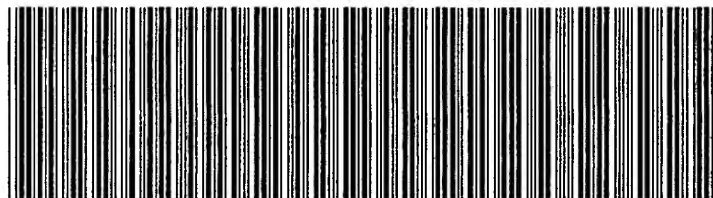
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

AUG 29 1973

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NR 026 BS PLAIN

11:30 PM

NITEL 8-29-73 JKG

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: BOSTON (91-6235)

MARK FRECHETTE, [REDACTED], CHRIS (LNU) (DECEASED),  
NEW ENGLAND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK, 6 FRANCIS ST. BOSTON,

MASS. 8-29-73. BR.

AT APPROXIMATELY 4:55 PM, THE SUBJECTS ENTERED CAPTIONED  
BANK. FRECHETTE AND [REDACTED] PROCEEDED TO A BANK OFFICIAL  
AND ANNOUNCED A HOLD-UP AND DEMANDED TO BE TAKEN TO A BACK  
ROOM AND WANTED MONEY TO BE PLACED IN A BRIEFCASE. CHRIS  
REMAINED IN THE BANK LOBBY. ALL THREE SUBJECTS ARMED WITH  
.38 PISTOLS.

ALARM ACTIVATED BY BANK EMPLOYEE AND TWO BOSTON POLICE  
OFFICERS RESPONDED. CHRIS ATTEMPTED TO DISARM THE FIRST OFFICER  
ENTERING THE BANK, BUT WAS SHOT TWICE BY THE SECOND OFFICER AS HE  
ENTERED. FRECHETTE AND [REDACTED] BOTH SURRENDERED AND TAKEN INTO  
CUSTODY. CHRIS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT PETER BENT BRIGHAM HOSPITAL.  
POLICE UNABLE TO OBTAIN THE PRINTS OF THE DECEASED UNTIL THE BODY  
HAS BEEN EXAMINED BY A MEDICAL EXAMINER.

SUBJECTS INTERVIEWED BY FBI AGENTS BUT WERE UNABLE TO  
FURNISH THE FULL NAME OF CHRIS AND REFUSED TO IMPLICATE  
ANYONE ELSE IN THE ROBBERY.

FD-430 TO FOLLOW.

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To: Director, FBI

Date: 8/31/73

From: SAC, BOSTON (91-4235)

Attention: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIV.

CHANGED:

Subject: MARK ERNEST FRECHETTE

- ☒ Robbery  
☐ Burglary  
☐ Larceny  
☐ Hobbs Act - Federally Insured Financial Institutions

CHRISTOPHER CHIEN, (DECEASED);

N.E. Merchants Nat'l Bank, 5 Francis St.

Boston, Mass., 8/29/73. BR

Title "Changed" to reflect full name of third subject, and middle names of FRECHETTE and

## ENTRY (check one)

- ☒ New Case  
☐ Change or Addition - complete applicable categories only  
☐ Deletion - remove entry, no violation

## INSTITUTION:

- ☒ Commercial Bank ☐ Mutual Savings Bank ☐ Savings and Loan ☐ Credit Union

## REGULATORY AGENCY:

- ☐ FDIC ☒ Comptroller of the Currency ☐ Federal Reserve System  
☐ Federal Home Loan Bank Board ☐ National Credit Union Administration

## SECURITY DEVICES:

- Alarm System ☒ Yes ☐ No Activated ☒ Yes ☐ No  
 Surveillance camera ☒ Yes ☐ No Activated ☒ Yes ☐ No  
 Built money maintained ☒ Yes ☐ No Taken ☐ Yes ☒ No  
 Bank guard ☒ Yes ☐ No

## SUBJECTS:

Number involved 3 or if unknown, as in burglary or Hobbs Act, check ☐LOOT TAKEN: ☐ Yes ☒ No

- ☐ Cash ☐ Amount \$ ☐ unknown  
☐ Securities ☐ Face value \$ ☐ unknown  
☐ Other property ☐ Value \$ ☐ unknown

## TELLER STATION(S) INVOLVED:

- ☒ Open counter ☐ Drive-in or walk-up  
☐ Cage ☐ Bullet resistant enclosure

## MODUS OPERANDI:

- ☐ Demand note ☒ Firearm used  
☐ Telephone call ☒ Handgun  
☐ Other ☒ Other modus operandi

## VIOLENCE:

- ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Explosion ☐ Other

(Specify number)

Injury	Death	Hostage
Customer		
Employee		
Subject	1	
Law officer		
Bank guard		
Other		

## SOLUTION: (complete when subject(s) identified)

Recovery: (either FBI or local)

Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Securities (face value) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Value of property \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Solution by ☐ FBI ☒ Police ☐ Joint Total number of subjects 3Narcotic addicts involved ☐ Yes ☒ No Total number of addicts \_\_\_\_\_

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[REDACTED]  
CHRISTOPHER THIEN (DECEASED);  
New England Merchants National Bank  
6 Francis Street  
Boston, Massachusetts  
August 29, 1973  
BANK ROBBERY

At approximately 4:55 p.m. subjects entered captioned FDIC insured bank. Two subjects approached the bank manager and used a ruse of applying for a loan and then advised her that this was a holdup and requested that she ask the bank guard to step to the desk. The four individuals then proceeded into a back room behind the tellers area while the third man dressed in a guard shirt remained in the bank lobby. Money was obtained and placed in a briefcase in the backroom.

The bank alarm was activated and while the two robbers were in the back room, two Boston Police Officers entered the bank and the subject in the lobby attempted to disarm the first officer as he entered the lobby. As the second officer entered the lobby he observed his partner in trouble and that the robber was armed with a handgun and proceeded to fire two shots at the subject in the lobby. The two robbers in the back room then exited the rear room and were placed under arrest by the Boston Police Department. All money was recovered. The subject in the bank lobby was pronounced dead on arrival at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

Both subjects interviewed by FBI and both admitted their participation in captioned robbery.

Bank protected by alarms [REDACTED] which were activated.

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Subjects are described as follows:

Name: MARK ERNEST FRECHETTE  
Date of Birth: December 4, 1947  
Place of Birth: Dorchester, Massachusetts

Race: White

Sex: Male

Last Address Admitted: 27 Fort Avenue  
Roxbury, Massachusetts

Height: 6'

Weight: 155 pounds

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Brown

Build: Slender

Name:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Height:

Weight:

Social Security No.

Occupation:

Eyes:

Hair:

Name:

Race:

Sex:

Height:

Weight:



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CHRISTOPHER THIEN

White

Male

5'9"

175 pounds

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Green

All three subjects were armed with 38 caliber  
pistols.

SUBJECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Routing Slip

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Date 10/2/73 b6

To: ☒ Director  
 SAC, Cleveland  
 Att.: SAC, New Haven

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☐ Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ SE \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ IC \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ CC \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Steno \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Title MARK ERNEST FRECHETTE:  
CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY  
THEIN - DECEASED  
New England Merchants  
National Bank, 6 Francis  
St. Boston, Mass.  
8/29/73  
 RE: Report of SA [redacted]  
[redacted] dated 9/28/73 at  
Boston.

☐ Rotor #: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION DESIRED

- ☐ Acknowledge  
☐ Assign \_\_\_\_\_ Reassign \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Bring file  
☐ Call me  
☐ Correct  
☐ Deadline \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Deadline passed  
☐ Delinquent  
☐ Discontinue  
☐ Expedite  
☐ File  
☐ For information  
☐ Handle  
☐ Initial & return  
☐ Leads need attention  
☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

- ☐ Open Case  
☐ Prepare lead cards  
☐ Prepare tickler  
☐ Return assignment card  
☐ Return file  
☐ Search and return  
☐ See me  
☐ Serial # \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Post ☐ Recharge ☐ Return  
☐ Send to \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Submit new charge out  
☐ Submit report by \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Type

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"Deceased" inadvertently left out of title regard  
 ing THEIN. Boston copies have been changed to re-  
 flect inclusion of "Deceased". Bureau, Cleveland  
 and New Haven are requested to correct their  
 copies accordingly.

SAC [Signature]  
 Office Boston

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE BOSTON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BOSTON	DATE 9/28/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/29/73 - 9/27/73
TITLE OF CASE "CHANGED" MARK ERNEST FRECHETTE: CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY THEIN, <del>DECEASED</del> New England Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis St., Boston, Mass. 8/29/73		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY atl
		CHARACTER OF CASE BR	

Title marked "CHANGED" to include full name and correct spelling of subject THEIN.

REFERENCE: Boston teletype to the Bureau, 8/29/73  
Boston airtel to the Bureau, 8/31/73

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## LEADS:

## CLEVELAND DIVISION

## AT CLEVELAND, OHIO:

Will attempt to locate and interview [REDACTED] subject of CV 91-7005, regarding any knowledge of captioned matter.

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NEW HAVEN DIVISION

AT NEW HAVEN, CONN.:

Will furnish Boston pertinent information regarding subject FRECHETTE who is subject of New Haven 25-11872.

BOSTON DIVISION

AT BOSTON, MASS.:

Will continue to develop pertinent background information regarding subjects and associates.

Will follow and report local prosecution.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

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For the information of the Bureau, under Bureau file 100-476383 and Boston file 100-45217, information is recorded regarding [redacted]. It is noted that Boston was origin and the matter is currently in a closed status as of July 17, 1973. It is noted that [redacted] had been a former associate of [redacted], who is the subject of Bureau file 100-456672. On or about March 1, 1973, [redacted] disbanded and disassociated herself from the company of [redacted] and her associates and took up an unknown residence in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She is the mother of a small black female, the father of whom may be one [redacted] is a Negro male, who was the subject of Cleveland file 91-7005. [redacted] was arrested by Bureau Agents in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and turned over to local authorities to stand trial for two bank robberies in the Boston, Massachusetts area. [redacted] was committed for mental observation and was released in December, 1972, because he was found mentally incompetent to stand trial on the charges of bank robbery. He was then directed to return to his parents' residence in Cleveland, Ohio.

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*MASS*  
*OHIO*

It is noted that Cleveland has advised that [redacted] had unwittingly accompanied [redacted] who was then her boy friend, during the bank robbery referred to above, 91-7005. It is noted additionally that no evidence had been uncovered in Boston regarding [redacted] which would indicate connections with any subversive groups.

It is further noted that investigation determined that [redacted] had disclaimed having anything in common with [redacted]

It is further noted that a discreet inquiry at the New England Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston, Massachusetts, regarding any activities of [redacted] [redacted] at that branch prior to the robbery indicated that



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on March 23, 1973, [redacted] had opened an account at this branch office under number [redacted]. Approximately three days subsequent to the bank robbery, [redacted] closed her account. For additional information, it is noted that this bank is in the immediate vicinity of the Fort Hill Commune and that it would not be unusual for members of the commune to have legitimate business at this bank.

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*MASS*  
The Fort Hill Commune is known to be a group of individuals who have formed their own society and elect to raise their children within their own rules. This group is known to engage in the use of hallucinogenic drugs. The group was formed because of a dissatisfaction with established society.

It is noted that [redacted] has advised that he has no knowledge of any subversive or extremist activities or philosophy on the part of members of this group known as the Fort Hill Commune.

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On August 30, 1973, [redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed in connection with captioned robbery as a witness. [redacted] was in the bank at the time of the robbery and during the interview she was asked if she was the same [redacted] [redacted] who had been a girl friend of convicted bank robber [redacted] and she advised that she was. She stated that [redacted] was in Akron, Ohio, with relatives and he returned to Ohio after being released from jail. [redacted] also acknowledged that prior to moving to Fort Avenue, she resided in Marblehead, Massachusetts.

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confidentially furnished the following documents. These documents represent the philosophy of the Fort Hill Commune and contain no reference to activities of a subversive or violent nature.

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# The Fort Hill Community

We are a group of people between the ages of 16 and 30 who have been experimenting with communal living for seven years now and have come up with some amazing results which we would like to share with you. We have all learned how to live more fully and love more fully and in this process of eternal becoming we have developed some techniques designed to accelerate the growth of consciousness. We do not use drugs, although many of us had been heavy drug takers before the advent of this communal program. We do not use meditation, although many of us were into occult science and esoteric philosophy prior to this program. We are not a religion or a spiritual school though we do contain the elements of both. We are happy, self-realized human beings who do not deny ourselves any of the comforts of life but, in fact, seek ways to TRULY enjoy life. All men are brothers, all women sisters, all men and women are brothers and sisters. But this kind of order is not realized overnight. People have been learning how to live together on this planet ever since there were people and there is no end to this process, together we are creating the world and always HAVE been. The world we create is a reflection of how we communicate with each other and how we communicate with each other is a reflection of how conscious we are of ourselves, the more we know about ourselves the more we know about others and the more we know the more we have to share and sharing is the purpose of communal living. What do you want out of life? What is keeping you from GETTING what you want? Where is the real YOU? Maybe we can help you answer some of these questions.

We have devised for you a series of structured games to bring you closer to others. Each group is guided by an experienced leader, whose main concern is to safely transport you through the obstacles that keep you separated from others. These courses are designed only to make you aware of things you already know, and how to make use of these things as better tools to get what you want.

## 1. Opening Course: Start Group

Every Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. \$2.50

## Advanced Courses

2. Creative Communication \$40.00

3. Realization of World Community \$40.00

4. Practical Application of Communal Living \$200.00

5. Leadership (How to Control Your Universe)

27 Fort Avenue, Roxbury, Massachusetts 02119 (617) 445-4566

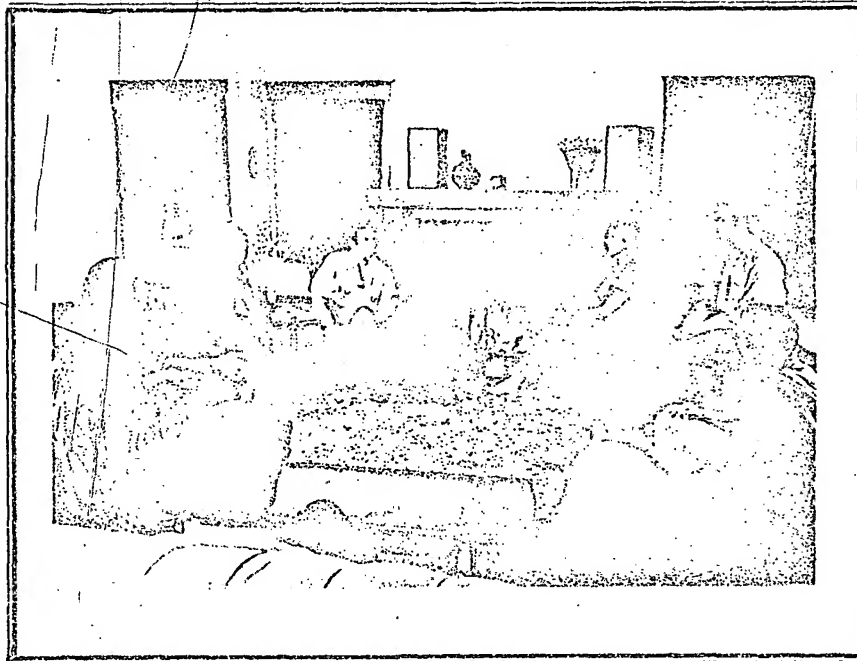
# communication courses

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Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday; 8 to 11 p.m.

\$2.50

## ADVANCED COURSES

### \* Creative Communication

\$45

Saturday & Sunday; noon to 10 p.m.

Poor communication is the prime obstacle to community. This two day course will show you that self-knowledge is the key to knowledge of others and thus to creative communications. The course consists of a series of structured and unstructured games designed specifically to help you understand yourself first, then the others in the games.

### \* Realization of World Community

\$55

Saturday & Sunday; noon to 10 p.m.

The history of community is the history of the world. People have always been learning how to live together, be it as a family, a village, or a nation. An awareness of this history provides the means of consciously, deliberately achieving community on any scale, including that of the world.

### \* Leadership (How to Control Your Universe)

\$55

Saturday & Sunday; noon to 10 p.m.

Control of your universe is measured by your ability to understand and adapt to it, just as to lead is to serve. This course will provide you with the means to that control, which can be total.

### \*\* Practical Application of Communal Living

\$200

Water flows to unite with water, because all parts of it are subject to the same laws. So too should human society hold together through a community of interests that allows each individual to feel himself a member of a whole. You will live as a part of a community that has been functioning for seven years. The entire program is intended to provide you with every experience possible. It is guaranteed you will get what you really want out of life.

### \*\*\* Mystery Course

This course is available for those who have completed the above. Here, in an atmosphere of beauty and elegance, pupils combine the practical with the sublime. It is through the human heart that all real life flows. Your heart, your soul, your life will unite into one purpose under the guidance of a subtle teacher: yourself.

## SUPPLEMENTARY COURSES

### \*\*\* Creative Languages \$45

Saturday & Sunday; noon to 10 p.m.

Music and film are languages that express the spirit of their time. Through our definitive collections of tapes and videotapes, you will experience the time-spirit of the greatest eras. At the end of the course, you will be given an opportunity to evaluate your own music and film in the light of what you have experienced.

### \*\*\* Astrology \$45

Saturday & Sunday; noon to 10 p.m.

Astrology is a language that can give you a new understanding of yourself and a new way to communicate with other people. The purpose of this course is to acquaint you with that language and to show you how to use it in your life.

### \*\*\* Advanced Astrology \$45

Saturday & Sunday; noon to 10 p.m.

Fluency in the language of astrology is the goal of this course. By studying your own chart, you will learn to make astrology work for you in your relationships with other people by a greater understanding of them, an understanding to which there are no limits.

### \*\*\* Omniversal Design \$45

Saturday & Sunday; noon to 10 p.m.

The purity and elegance of mathematics is taken off paper, out of the realm of theory, and put right in your hand. You will come to understand the fundamental physical forces of the universe by actually constructing mosaics in space that are both practical and beautiful. Taught by John Kostick, the man who is creating the new structure of the world.

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For further information on registration contact:

San Francisco: 3822 Folsom Street, (415) 647-6480

Los Angeles: 1541 North Sierra Bonita, (213) 874-7972

Boston: 27 Fort Avenue, (617) 445-4567

New York: 10 West 18th Street, (212) 675-2654

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

1 - United States Attorney, Boston, Massachusetts

Report of:

Date:

September 28, 1973

Office: Boston, Massachusetts

Field Office File #:

91-6235

Bureau File #:

Title:

MARK ERNEST FRECHETTE; [REDACTED]  
CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY THEIN; New England  
Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts  
August 29, 1973

Character:

BANK ROBBERY

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Synopsis:

At approximately 5 PM on 8/29/73, MARK ERNEST FRECHETTE, DOB 12/4/47, [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] and CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY THEIN, DOB 5/7/51 attempted to rob captioned FDIC insured bank. THEIN was shot and killed by Boston Police Officers and [REDACTED] and FRECHETTE were arrested while still inside captioned bank. All monies and three (3) 38 caliber revolvers in possession of robbers were also recovered. NCIC for weapons was negative. FRECHETTE and [REDACTED] arraigned in Roxbury District Court, 8/30/73 and held on \$25,000 bond. AUSA at Boston deferred prosecution. Investigation regarding background and associates of bank robbers continuing. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Details:



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Investigation in this matter is predicated upon telephonic receipt of information from [redacted] [redacted] New England Merchants National Bank, Boston, Massachusetts. [redacted] contacted the Boston Office of the FBI at approximately 5:50 P.M. on August 29, 1973 and advised that a bank robbery had occurred at the New England Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston, Massachusetts, at approximately 5:00 P.M.

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Date of transcription 8/31/73

[redacted] New  
England Merchants National Bank, Government Center,  
Boston, Massachusetts, advised SA [redacted] that the  
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) number for  
the Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston,  
is 2560-7 dated June 18, 1970.

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At approximately 4:55 p.m. subjects entered captioned FDIC insured bank. Two subjects approached the bank manager and used a ruse of applying for a loan and then advised her that this was a holdup and requested that she ask the bank guard to step to the desk. The four individuals then proceeded into a back room behind the tellers area while the third man dressed in a guard shirt remained in the bank lobby. Money was obtained and placed in a briefcase in the backroom.

The bank alarm was activated and while the two robbers were in the back room, two Boston Police Officers entered the bank and the subject in the lobby attempted to disarm the first officer as he entered the lobby. As the second officer entered the lobby he observed his partner in trouble and that the robber was armed with a handgun and proceeded to fire two shots at the subject in the lobby. The two robbers in the back room then exited the rear room and were placed under arrest by the Boston Police Department. All money was recovered. The subject in the bank lobby was pronounced dead on arrival at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.

Both subjects interviewed by FBI and both admitted their participation in captioned robbery.

Bank protected by alarms  which were activated.

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Subjects are described as follows:

Name:	MARK ERNEST FRECHETTE
Date of Birth:	December 4, 1947
Place of Birth:	Dorchester, Massachusetts

Race: White

Sex: Male

Last Address Admitted: 27 Fort Avenue  
Roxbury, Massachusetts

Height: 6'

Weight: 155 pounds

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Brown

Build: Slender

Name:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Height:

Weight:

Social Security No.

Occupation:

Eyes:

Hair:

Name:

CHRISTOPHER THIEN

Race: White

Sex: Male

Height: 5'9"

Weight: 175 pounds

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Hair:

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All three subjects were armed with 38 caliber  
pistols.

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[redacted] New England Merchants National Bank, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that the New England Merchants National Bank Branch Office at 6 Francis Street, Boston, is protected by an AIT alarm system which rings directly into the Boston Police Department.

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[redacted] also advised that the above branch is

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[redacted] Distribution Associates, 117  
Kearney Road, Needham, Massachusetts furnished SA [redacted]  
the [redacted]  
at the New England Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts. [redacted]

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[redacted] on the August 29,  
1973 robbery.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] was dropped  
off on August 30, 1973 by a uniformed officer from the Boston  
Police Department and he [redacted] in his  
possession until they were receipted to SA [redacted]

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Sergeant [ ] Boston Police Department, District 2, Roxbury, Massachusetts, advised that he was the investigating officer in charge of the bank robbery at the New England Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston, on August 29, 1973.

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Sergeant [ ] advised that he was in custody of all of the monies that were in possession of the bank robbers at the time of the robbery. The monies never left the bank and were accounted for and returned to the bank. The amount of monies recovered in the possession of the bank robbers contained in a light brown brief case was \$10,156.00.

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Sergeant [redacted] Boston Police Department, District 2, Roxbury, Massachusetts, advised that although bait money was maintained at each teller station, no bait money was taken inasmuch as all monies were recovered at the scene and time of the crime.

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at the New England Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston, Massachusetts, where she is employed as the [redacted] and voluntarily provided the following information:

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On August 29, 1973, at approximately 4:50 PM, she was standing beside her desk speaking with [redacted] when they were approached by an individual who spoke to [redacted] regarding a loan. Since [redacted] already had two customers at her desk, [redacted] stated to the subject, "I'll take care of you," and directed the individual to have a seat beside her desk, located immediately behind [redacted] desk. [redacted] began questioning this subject as to the purpose and type of loan he desired, to which he replied that he was interested in securing a sum of \$2,500. Subject stated he was holding a steady job and [redacted] then began to explain the details of a loan to him, as he was sitting beside her. He asked a few questions and appeared nervous.

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After [redacted] approached the desk, the subject instructed him to unfasten his gun and put it on the desk. During this time, [redacted] noticed a second individual standing behind the courtesy counter, and giving her a blank stare. She described this second subject as a white male, about

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20 years of age, 6 feet, husky build, dirty blonde hair, and wearing a light blue, open collared, short sleeve shirt with a red patch on one of his sleeves. This second subject repeatedly stared at [ ] during first subject's dialogue with [ ].

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Subject number one had now taken [ ] gun from him and next instructed that [ ] lead him into the back of the bank toward the tellers area. The three proceeded across the bank toward the security door and as they did, [ ] to [ ] a teller, implying that a robbery was in progress. As the three individuals proceeded through the door, in the order of [ ] and the subject [ ] noticed a third subject follow behind the first subject through the security door and with them into the employees' lounge area. [ ] described this third subject as a white male, approximately twenty years old, 5 feet 10 inches, slim build, wearing a pink shirt and dark pants.

The first subject then advised that, "We don't want any trouble; we don't want anyone to get hurt." He then directed [ ] to open the door, which had a combination lock and leads from the lounge into the tellers' area, so that the third subject could enter the tellers' cages. After complying with the subject's demand, [ ] returned to the lounge and took a seat alongside [ ] with subject's gun pointed at them.

Subject two then told [ ] that, "We want five minutes before you set any alarm after we leave." Subject with the pink shirt exited the tellers' area, at which the subject with the gun asked, "Did you get everything?" The subject replied that he had gotten everything except the \$100 bills, to which subject number one stated that he would return and get them. [ ] then let the subject

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into the tellers area for the second time while [redacted] and the other tellers were now standing against the wall. As the third subject entered the tellers area, the subject with the gun reasserted that he did not wish that anyone get hurt.

The two subjects then left the lounge area, proceeding back out through the security door, into the back lobby. Shots were then heard and, following instructions from [redacted] all, including [redacted] remained in the lounge area.

[redacted] advised that she would definitely be able to recognize again subject number one who was carrying the gun and subject number three who took the money from the tellers area.

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Date of transcription 9/7/73

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[redacted] Teller, New England Merchants Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that at approximately 5:05 P.M. on August 29, 1973, she was waiting on a customer. [redacted]

[redacted] She had been waiting on him for several minutes when she saw [redacted] leave her desk from in front of the bank entrance and walk to the conference room. [redacted]

[redacted] She started to look for her keys to lock her cash drawer but by that time subject number one had entered the tellers' area and had instructed the tellers to stand back.

She described subject number one as approximately 5'10", white male, wearing a dark suit and dark glasses. The subject was wearing a large mustache and was carrying a big revolver in his hand. The subject instructed her and the other tellers, [redacted] and [redacted] to move back and get over by the vault. The subject then instructed [redacted] to take out all the five, ten and twenty dollar bills from the drawers and [redacted] complied with the order. The subject told [redacted] a couple of times to move faster and when they were done the subject had all the tellers move near the vault area and asked if that was all the money. [redacted] replied that he had all the money and the subject then asked how to get into the vault and [redacted] told him that the vault was locked and that only the head teller had the combination and the head teller was gone for the day.

The subject then took them outside the tellers' area to the room between the tellers' area and the lobby where [redacted] and the bank [redacted] sitting down with a second subject guarding them. She described the second subject as a white male, middle 20's, tall, thin and wearing a brown suit with a light colored shirt (possibly pink), and a

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big straw hat on his head. Subject number two had a small brief case and she believed that he held some kind of a gun in his hand. The first subject stated that they had all the money but could not get into the vault because no one had the combination. The second subject stated that he believed them and then asked [ ] if they received all the money. [ ] answered yes except for the 50 and 100 dollar bills. The second subject then instructed the first subject to go back inside with [ ] and get all the 50's and 100's.

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The second subject seemed to be scared and seemed to be worried about the time element. The second subject had spoken to them when they first came in the door and said something to the effect of "hi".

When [ ] and subject one returned from the tellers' area the two subjects opened the door to the lobby and started to walk out. From where she was standing, [ ] could see police standing by the main entrance and as soon as the two subjects had closed the door she heard two shots. She and the other tellers returned to the tellers' area a moment or two later.

She believed the entire robbery took place in approximately seven or eight minutes. She stated that she could identify both subjects again.

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1.

[redacted] Teller, New England Merchants Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that at approximately 5:05 P.M., August 29, 1973, he saw [redacted] a bank employee, walking towards him followed by the bank [redacted] and another person. Her eyes looked very strange and he immediately knew something was wrong and pulled his alarm. The next thing he knew the bank guard had opened the door to the tellers' area and subject number one was right behind him with a gun in his hand. Subject one told the tellers to move back and not to touch anything.

[redacted] described subject number one as a white male, 5'9", 145 pounds, slim build, dark brown hair, wearing sunglasses, no visible scars, and wearing a big, dark mustache that appeared to be a fake. The subject was wearing dark trousers, a light shirt which was possibly pink, and his jacket was in the hand holding the gun. The jacket was a small plaid coat that was brown in color.

The subject then told [redacted] to pick up all the five, ten, and twenty dollar bills and said something to the effect, "Can you do it without being a hero?"

The subject was carrying a small brown carrying case and he walked behind [redacted] and had him drop the bills into the case.

The other tellers were standing next to the vault and when [redacted] went through all the drawers the subject had all the tellers in the vault area and asked them if they had the combination. [redacted] stated that the only person with the combination was the head teller who had gone home for the day. The other tellers verified [redacted] statement and the subject then took them into the next room which is a small room between the tellers' area and the lobby.

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As they went into this room [redacted] could see [redacted] and the bank [redacted] sitting there with subject number two who was standing by the door. [redacted] described subject number two as a white male, 6'2", slim, with a big mustache that also appeared to be fake. Subject number two was wearing a brown suit that looked to be old and a little bit too small, and was wearing a straw hat with a small brim around the outside. Subject number two was wearing regular glasses and a light shirt and a dark tie.

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Subject number two then asked subject number one if he got everything and subject number one answered that he got everything except for the 50's and 100's and that the vault was locked and that the tellers could not get into it. Subject number two stated that he believed the tellers but that they had enough time and that subject number one should go back in and get the 50's and 100's. [redacted] and subject number one then went back in and got the 50's and 100's and gave them to subject number one, and then subject number one took [redacted] back into the room with the tellers, [redacted] and [redacted]

The two subjects then left and as soon as the door closed they heard two shots and remained in the room for two or three minutes before the tellers went back into their area and [redacted] and [redacted] went back into the lobby.

[redacted] stated that he could positively identify subject number one and he was sure that he could identify subject number two also.

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Date of transcription 9/7/73

1.

[redacted] New England Merchants Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that at approximately 5:00 or 5:05 P.M. on August 29, 1973, he was working in the tellers' area when the [redacted] for the bank opened the door and subject number one was standing behind this [redacted] with a revolver in his hand. Subject number one instructed the tellers to move back which they did and he then told [redacted] another teller, to pick up all the fives, tens and twenties.

[redacted] described subject number one as a white male, mid 20's, 5'8", 140 pounds, average build, dark brown hair, dark glasses and no scars or marks. [redacted] did not notice the clothes the subject was wearing except that he had on a light shirt and dark trousers. Once the subject had the tellers stand back the subject then put on black gloves that came up to his forearms. [redacted] and two other tellers, [redacted] were standing by the vault while the subject was following [redacted] around collecting the money.

When they were done the subject brought [redacted] over to the vault area with the others and asked them how to get into the vault. [redacted] told him that the vault was locked and that the only one with the combination was the head teller who had left for the day. One or two of the other tellers verified this and the subject seemed to be satisfied.

The subject then took them to the room adjoining the bank lobby where the second subject was standing in the door with [redacted] and the bank [redacted]

[redacted] described subject number two as being 6' to 6'1", white male, 30 years old, 180 to 190 pounds with a slim build, wearing a brown suit jacket, straw hat, and carrying a gun. [redacted] stated that both sub-

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jects were carrying long barreled revolvers. [ ] did not believe that subject number two was wearing glasses but that he did have a black attache case. [ ] further added that he did not see too much of subject number two.

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Subject number two then asked subject number one if they got everything and subject number one replied that they got everything except the 50's and 100's and that they could not get into the vault because it was locked. Subject two then stated that they had enough time and that subject one should go back in and get the 50's and 100's. Subject one then took [ ] back into the tellers' area to get the 50's and 100's and when they returned subject number two said, "You've been very cooperative", and the two subjects opened the door to go out. As the door opened [ ] could see police standing by the entrance and the subjects went out anyhow and closed the door. They immediately heard two shots and [ ] stayed in the room a minute or two before returning to the tellers' area with the other tellers.

[ ] stated that he thought that he could identify the two subjects again but could not be positive.

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1.

[redacted] Teller, New England Merchants Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that at approximately 4:55 P.M. on August 29, 1973 she had heard [redacted] another teller, saying something to the effect of [redacted]. She thought [redacted] meant that she was supposed to lock up her cash drawer and that the bank was being inspected by security men to check on their security practices at this particular bank. She looked around and saw [redacted] Last Name Unknown (LNU), the [redacted] at the door leading into the tellers' area. [redacted] did not say anything and the first subject came in right behind [redacted].

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She described the first subject as a white male, 20 to 25 years of age, slim build, and wearing dark pants with a light shirt. Subject one had a large mustache, which was very dark and heavy, dark hair, and was wearing dark glasses. Subject one was carrying a medium brown case with a zipper over to one side and the case had a handle on the top. The subject was wearing beige half boots and was carrying a small revolver. She stated the subject had a dark complexion and she could notice no scars on his face.

Subject number one told all the tellers to stand back away from their drawers and then instructed them to walk over to the vault area with the exception of [redacted] who was stuck in a corner between a chair and a desk. The subject instructed [redacted] to go around and collect the money and the subject then followed [redacted] around and had [redacted] throw the money in the brown case. The subject did not check the drawers to see that [redacted] got all the money and further the subject did not know which drawers contained the cash. He had instructed [redacted] to give him all the five, ten and twenty dollar bills and that he did not want 50's or 100's.

The subject told [redacted] "Move it, you're too slow", but the subject was not very attentive to what

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[ ] was doing since he was also trying to watch her and the other tellers, [ ]

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[ ] stated that she must have been moving around too much because the subject told her to stand still. After [ ] had got to the end of the tellers' area with the subject behind him the subject lined all of them up against the vault and asked where was the money in the back of the bank. Nobody answered him and the subject repeated the question. [ ] then told the subject that the head teller had the combination and was gone for the day and that the rest of the tellers were unable to get into the vault. [ ] told him that the open cabinet contained only checks and the subject believed him.

The subject then took them into the room between the tellers' area and the lobby where [ ] saw [ ] sitting down.

The second subject was standing and guarding [ ] and [ ] and when the tellers walked in he said, "hello" to them.

[ ] described subject number two as being a tall, thin, white male, wearing a light brown suit. He was also wearing a beige straw hat with a design on the band of the hat. Subject number two was carrying a black gun which she believed to be a revolver and had a black attache case.

Subject number two asked subject number one if everything was ready and the first subject replied that the tellers did not have the combination to the vault. The second subject then asked the [ ] if this was true and the [ ] said yes. The second subject said, "I believe him" and then asked, "How long do we have?" The second subject then asked if they got everything and was told that they got everything except the 100's and 50's. The second subject then instructed subject number one to go back into the tellers' area and get the 50's and 100's. The two subjects then started to walk out the door into the lobby but had trouble opening the door and [ ] told them that the handle had to be turned to the left at which time the [ ] opened the door for them.

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As they walked out the door the second subject told them, "you have been very cooperative". Immediately after the two subjects walked out and closed the door [redacted] heard two shots and after a moment or two the tellers went back into their area.

[redacted] stated that she could positively identify subject number one and subject number two at any future time.

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Date of transcription 9/11/73

1.

[redacted] was interviewed at the New England Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston, Massachusetts, where he is employed as a [redacted]

[redacted] and voluntarily provided the following information:

At approximately 4:50 p.m. [redacted] was standing inside the New England Merchants National Bank by the front door and noticed an individual, white male, 5 feet 7 inches to 5 feet 8 inches in height, approximately 190 pounds, husky build, dark complexion, about 25 to 35 years old, enter the bank carrying a brown paper bag and proceed to wander through the bank. [redacted] approached the subject and inquired if he could be of assistance, to which the subject replied that he was interested in a checking deposit. [redacted] noticed at this time that the subject was wearing a blue shirt with a round patch on his left shoulder. [redacted] described the patch as red in color and containing within it a cross inscribed and the words "Police" and "Medical Center". [redacted] handed the subject a deposit slip and then returned to his post by the front door, leaving the subject by the courtesy counter.

[redacted] noticed a second individual in the bank, wearing a brown suit and hat, who walked over and took a seat beside the desk of [redacted] of the Bank. [redacted] described this second subject as a white male, slender build, 140 to 150 pounds, approximately 25 years of age, wearing a brown suit, hat, and dark glasses. [redacted] then heard [redacted] call to him to come over to her desk and, after doing so, was told by [redacted] that the gentleman seated beside her desk had something to say to him. [redacted] looked at the subject seated beside the desk, at which subject stated that he wanted [redacted] to remove and hand over his

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revolver to him. At this moment, [ ] noticed this second subject had a gun and was pointing it at [ ]

[ ] further noticed at this time that the second subject was a well-dressed individual, wearing a shirt and tie, possessing a hard surfaced black briefcase and a brown overcoat slung over his arm.

[ ] complied with the subject's demand and put his gun on the desk immediately in front of [ ] and, following further instructions, from the subject, then slid his weapon over to the subject who immediately took possession of it and directed that [ ]

[ ] lead him through the security door into the lounge area, which in turn led to the tellers' cages. As they entered the lounge, [ ] noticed that a third subject had appeared and was following immediately behind the second subject. This third subject then directed [ ] to open the door, which possessed a combination lock, leading from the lounge area into the tellers' room.

[ ] complied; and as he and the third subject entered the tellers' area, the third subject ordered the tellers to stand away from their windows. The tellers obeyed; and [ ] was then instructed by the subject to return to the lounge, following which [ ] was told by subject number two to take a seat in the lounge area. The remainder of the tellers then also vacated the tellers' room as instructed by subject number three and took their places beside [ ] in the lounge. Subject number three exited the tellers' area, when subject number two asked if he had gotten everything. Subject number three replied that he had taken everything except the \$100 bills and that "we can't get into the safe since the head teller has gone home". [ ] then reaffirmed the subject's response. Subject number two then expressed belief that [ ] was telling the truth, after which subject number two then instructed the third subject to return to the cages and take the \$100 bills. A few seconds passed and when the subject number three exited the tellers' area again for the second time, [ ] looked at his watch and noted that it was 5:01 p.m. The subjects then prepared to leave, upon which



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[ ] opened the door leading out into the bank foyer. The subjects exited with subject number three followed by the second subject; and as they left and [ ] prepared to close the door, [ ] noticed a policeman standing outside, at which time [ ] immediately closed the door. [ ] then heard shots from the foyer of the bank, hesitated, and after a few seconds went into the tellers' room and peered out into the foyer and noticed that one subject was lying on the floor and another was in custody.

[ ] stated he would be able to recognize each of the three subjects again.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted]  
[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at the New England Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston, Massachusetts, where she is employed as [redacted] and voluntarily provided the following information:

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At approximately 4:55 PM, on August 29, 1973, she was standing near her desk and was approached by an individual looking for assistance. She immediately offered to help this individual, to which the subject replied that he wanted some information regarding a loan. She described the subject as a white male, approximately 27 years old, 6 feet, 175 pounds, slender build, and wearing a straw hat.

Since she already was assisting two other customers, [redacted] referred the subject to [redacted] the [redacted] of the bank. After sitting down at her desk, located immediately in front of the desk of [redacted] glanced over her shoulder to notice the subject had a gun pointed at [redacted]. She then noticed [redacted] and the subject proceed across the bank floor and through a security which, in turn, leads to the tellers area. [redacted] then jumped up from her desk to push the alarm button located [redacted] desk, when she noticed a second subject, a white male, about 29 years old, 5 feet 10 inches, 170 pounds, slender build, dark complexion, wearing dark blue pants and a light blue shirt and a red emblem on his shoulder. She then heard this subject say something to her, after which he approached her [redacted]. [redacted] touched the alarm button, but cannot be sure she touched it enough to set off the alarm system. [redacted] then noticed this subject was carrying a brown paper bag and had a gun pointing directly at her.

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The second subject then proceeded to direct all incoming customers to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] next noticed two Boston policemen enter the bank, following which shots were fired. One of the customers jumped up and approached [REDACTED] who then pulled this customer and one other into a back room of the bank.

Following this, [REDACTED] heard much commotion and could not specifically relate what happened in the lobby of the bank.

[REDACTED] advised the two customers seated in front of her desk from the start of the robbery were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that she is not sure whether either of the two subjects wore gloves, and is not sure that she would be able to recognize either of the subjects again.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/31/731.

Officer [redacted] (no middle name) [redacted]  
Badge Number [redacted] District 2 Boston Police Department,  
was interviewed by SA [redacted] regarding  
the bank robbery at the New England Merchants Bank, 15  
Francis Street, Boston, Massachusetts. [redacted] related  
the following:

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He was approximately one (1) block from the bank with his partner, Officer [redacted] when the alarm call came through. They drove to the bank, arriving immediately behind another police vehicle. His partner jumped out of the car and looked through the window and shouted to call for more help. [redacted] called for help and then followed his partner through the door into the bank. He stated he was the fourth police officer through the doors of the bank. As he entered the bank, he observed a white male who had been shot lying on the floor beside a desk. There were two (2) other white males standing with their hands over their heads being covered by officers [redacted] observed that things appeared to be under control for the moment and returned to his cruiser to call for a sergeant. He then immediately returned to the bank and, at this time, the two (2) men who had been standing were now cuffed and laying on the floor. He then returned to the cruiser and removed a stretcher and, assisted by three (3) other people, identities unrecalled, loaded the individual who had been shot on the stretcher and carried him on foot across the street to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital Emergency Ward, where they left him in the care of the Emergency Ward doctor.

He then returned to the bank on foot and obtained the identities of the witnesses present in the bank. Following this, other officers arrived and he assisted in the interviews for the rest of the detail.

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Date of transcription 8/31/73

1.

Officer [redacted] Badge number [redacted]  
District 2, Boston Police Department, was questioned by  
SA [redacted], concerning the events at the  
New England Merchants Bank, 15 Francis Street, Boston,  
Massachusetts. Officer [redacted] provided the following  
information:

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He was with his partner, Officer [redacted]  
when the call came in for the bank robbery in progress.  
They arrived at the bank location immediately behind  
another Boston cruiser. [redacted] was the first out of the  
cruiser and looking in through the window, could see  
one officer standing beside a cement pillar. He stated  
there were a number of people laying about on the floor.  
He beat on the window and got the officer's attention and  
was waved into the bank.

He observed one (1) man on the floor who had  
been shot, and saw the other officer in the bank covering two  
(2) men at the counter. [redacted] shouted, "Hands up," and also  
covered the two (2) men at the counter. The men put their  
hands up and were cuffed by [redacted] and the other officer.  
After being cuffed, the men were placed on the floor and  
[redacted] picked up a 38 caliber revolver from the floor of  
the bank near the men. He also picked up a briefcase which  
was laying on the floor. He then observed a second brief-  
case laying open on the counter of the bank and picked up  
that briefcase. At that point, his partner came in with  
a stretcher and removed the man who had been shot. Other  
officers were arriving at this time and the detail resolved  
into identifying witnesses and taking statements.

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7. [redacted] Patrolman, District 2, Boston Police Department, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that he was with his partner, Patrolman [redacted] in car number 216, on August 29, 1973, when they were dispatched at about 5:05 p.m., to the Brigham Circle Branch of the New England Merchant's Bank. Also, upon arriving at the bank, he and [redacted] entered the bank, with [redacted] in the lead. [redacted] advised he stepped into the vestibule of the bank and business looked as usual. He observed a man standing with his back to the door and [redacted] stepped into the bank and observed that this man was wearing a blue shirt with a patch on the arm causing [redacted] to believe he was the security guard. [redacted] observed this man to be holding a paper bag in front of him and as the man turned toward [redacted] [redacted] asked, "Anything wrong". This man responded, "Throw your gun in the middle of the floor". Almost immediately, [redacted] grabbed the paper bag and pulled it away from him as he jumped at the man. This man, who turned out to be the first bank robber, stepped aside as [redacted] jumped at him, causing [redacted] to fall to the floor. [redacted] advised almost immediately, he heard a shot and while on the floor, took his own service revolver out. [redacted] asked him if he was okay and he responded "Yes". From the floor, [redacted] could see a group of customers lying on the floor and he covered them with his gun while observing that his partner was covering with his gun two more robbers. He then heard officer [redacted] yelling from outside the bank and he motioned [redacted] in. [redacted] continued to hold his position of the floor as [redacted] asked [redacted] if he needed assistance in handcuffing the other two robbers. [redacted] partner, Patrolman [redacted] then entered the bank and [redacted] advised he remained on his knee as the wounded robber was removed from the bank. A few more officers arrived and [redacted] instructed that two customers lying over the floor as well as a third customer in the bank also be "patted down" by the arriving officers before they were allowed to leave. When it was determined that these three individuals were only customers, [redacted] and the customers then all got up off the floor and

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[redacted] then obtained their names.

[redacted] advised that he did not handle any of the evidence that was recovered from this robbery.

[redacted] described the robber that was shot as a white male in his 20's, and he did not get a good look at him but recalled that he was wearing a blue shirt with an emblem on the sleeve. He further advised that he did not get a look at the other two bank robbers either, but described them both as white males with one wearing a brown suit. He noted that he was not paying much attention to the other two since he knew they were taken care of and he was keeping watch over the rest of the bank to determine if any other individuals were involved.

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[redacted] (No Middle Name) [redacted] Patrolman, District Two, Boston Police Department, advised that he works nights and on August 29, 1973, he and his partner were in patrolcar number 216. [redacted] was driving and his partner was Patrolman [redacted]. While on Tremont Street, across the street from and facing Brigham Circle, at approximately 5:00 p.m., on August 29, 1973, his car received a radio dispatch to investigate a holdup alarm at the New England Merchants Bank at Brigham Circle. He immediately drove across Brigham Circle which took between 10 to 20 seconds, and pulled his patrolcar onto the sidewalk at the parking lot adjacent to the bank. He and his partner immediately got out of the car and with [redacted] leading, they both entered the foyer door at which time he observed an individual whom he believed to be a security guard because the shirt he was wearing was the kind worn by bank security guards. This individual had his back to the door and [redacted] and he continued through the foyer and opened the bank door at which time he observed that this individual had a brown paper bag in his left hand and had his right hand inside the bag. [redacted] advised that some one in the bank motioned by pointing at this individual as they were entering and as [redacted] entered the bank he was told by this individual to throw his gun on the floor, and at the same time this individual began to pull his handgun out of the bag. [redacted] and this individual were practically touching each other at this time and [redacted] grabbed the individual and was spun around, lost his balance, and fell to the floor. As [redacted] was swung around, the individual also swung around and his hand came out of the bag holding a gun. He was facing [redacted] with his gun in his hand and [redacted] drew his service revolver and fired twice at this individual. The robber then fell to the floor and as [redacted] took the robbers gun he yelled, "Anybody else", while looking around the bank. He observed a second and third individual who appeared to be together standing by the service counter and the one closest to [redacted] (hereafter referred to as number two robber) put his hands up into the air and the person behind the number two robber, (hereafter called the number three robber) appeared to [redacted] to obviously

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be involved, was observed by [ ] to have a gun by his feet on the floor. Customers in the bank were also pointing to these two individuals, and [ ] continued to yell whether anyone else was involved.

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At this point, [ ] observed that Patrolman [ ] had appeared at the bank door and [ ] called him in. At about this time, [ ] was getting up off the floor and [ ] came into the bank and proceeded to handcuff the second and third robbers together, as [ ] made sure that no one else was involved. [ ] told the two robbers to lay on the floor facing up and he then motioned to two doctors, who were customers in the bank, to get over and help the wounded robber. He then ran out to his car and got a stretcher while [ ] kept watch over the other two robbers. By this time, [ ]'s partner, [ ] had entered the bank and the doctors and [ ] placed the wounded robber on the stretcher and then the two doctors and [ ] took the wounded robber across the street to the emergency room of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. [ ] immediately returned to the bank just as the patrol wagon was pulling up and in a couple of minutes the other two robbers were placed in the wagon and removed from the scene. [ ] stated that when the two robbers were placed in the wagon he observed that one was wearing a brown suit and dress shirt and he noticed a piece of paper tucked in this robbers belt. [ ] removed the piece of paper, holding it at one corner, opened it and recalled that the note contained about six lines and that the last line was underlined. The note indicated something to the effect that, "There are three of us, we're going to rob you, don't get alarmed". [ ] stated he understands this note is presently at the Boston Police Headquarters for fingerprint examination.

[ ] stated that when he returned to the bank from the hospital, he got his feet tangled up on some fishing line as he entered the bank and he later understood that this fishing line ran from the area where the wounded robber had been standing through both doors of the bank to the sidewalk. He said this was the first he noticed this fishing line and this fishing line is apparently the reason that it is thought by some that a fourth robber may have been outside the bank using the fishing line as a warning device.

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[redacted] stated that the police Ballistician discovered a third gun that had apparently been dropped in a trash receptacle near the service counter. Also, [redacted] found a fourth gun in the soft briefcase which contained the money.

[redacted] described the three individuals as follows:

**Robber Number One:**

Sex: Male  
Race: White  
Age: About 30  
Hair: Light Brown  
worn conservatively  
Height: 6 feet  
Weight: 170 pounds  
Clothes: Blue shirt (like a security guard shirt)  
Characteristics: Clean shaven

**Robber Number Two:**

Sex: Male  
Race: White  
Age: About 30  
Height: 6 feet 1 inch  
Weight: 190 pounds  
Hair: Brown, conservative length  
Build: Heavy  
Clothes: Wore a brown suit with dress shirt and tie

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Characteristics: Clean shaven

Robber Number Three:

Sex: Male

Race: White

Age: About 30

Height: 5 feet 8 to 9 inches

Weight: 150 pounds

Hair: Dark

Clothes: Short sleeve shirt (white)  
open at collar

Build: Skinny

Characteristics: Black mustache, possible wearing  
glasses.

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[redacted] of the Brigham Circle Coffee Shop, Roxbury, Massachusetts, advised that he was making a deposit for his business around 5:00 P.M. on August 29, 1973 at the New England Merchants National Bank at 6 Francis Street.

[redacted] stated that he walked through the doors and walked by an unknown white male dressed in a guard's uniform, who was standing at the front door. [redacted] stated that no one said anything to him about the bank robbery and he was unaware that one was in progress. [redacted] overheard the man at the door tell a woman customer, "Don't move around." [redacted] looked at the man at the door and noticed that the man had a hand in a paper bag. He recalls that the man was wearing dark glasses.

[redacted] stated that he remembers nothing else specifically during the course of the bank robbery and he did not see the shooting of one of the bank robbers by one of the police officers.

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[redacted] was contacted at 53 Parker Hill Avenue,  
Roxbury, the Parker Hill Medical Center.

[redacted] was advised that she was being contacted  
by SAs [redacted] since she apparently was a witness  
to a bank robbery on August 29, 1973 at the New England  
Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston. [redacted]  
advised that she recalls the incident because it had been a  
pay day and she had gone to the bank to cash her check.

[redacted] stated that an individual whom she  
described as a white male, 5'7" tall, brown hair, clean  
shaven, having a medium build, and 25-39 years old, arms  
crossed, with something white on his hands, was standing at  
the front door of the bank. This man directed [redacted]  
to a desk and told her to be seated, adding that the bank  
was being robbed. [redacted] stated that she did as she was  
directed and she had her back to the man when she heard a  
noise. [redacted] turned and saw a policeman scuffling with  
the same individual who told her to go to the desk and the  
next thing she recalls was a shot being fired and she fell  
to the floor. She advised that she never saw a gun in the  
possession of the man at the door who told her to go to the  
desk. [redacted] was unaware of any other bank robbers in  
the bank until the bank robbery was concluded.

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[redacted] telephone [redacted] was contacted by SAs [redacted] at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Huntington Avenue and Francis Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts. [redacted] was advised that she was being contacted regarding her knowledge of the bank robbery at the New England Merchants National Bank on 6 Francis Street, Boston, Massachusetts, during which she had been a witness.

[redacted] advised that she arrived at the bank at approximately 5:05 P.M. to conduct business because she has an account at the bank. [redacted] stated that she noticed someone with a bag in his hand but that she was unaware that a bank robbery was occurring. [redacted] stated that she walked up to the lines for the tellers cages and recalls that she believed that the tellers were awfully slow because the lines were not moving.

[redacted] advised that she could provide no specific information regarding the bank robbery and she could not really recall descriptions of the individuals involved. She stated she could not recall any details regarding the shooting of one of the bank robbers by a Boston Police Officer because she fell to the floor at the time of the shooting.

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[redacted] was contacted at the Robert Breck Brigham Hospital, 125 Parker Hill Avenue, Roxbury, Massachusetts. [redacted] advised SAs [redacted] that he was a witness at a bank robbery on or about August 29, 1973 at the New England Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston.

[redacted] advised that he is a regular customer at this bank and that he was off work and had come to the bank to cash his paycheck. [redacted] came into the bank during the course of the bank robbery. [redacted] was advised by the white male wearing a guard's uniform, standing inside of the bank, to "get in line and you won't get hurt." [redacted] went to the tellers cages where he stood in line for approximately three to four minutes. [redacted] advised that he could make out two individuals behind the tellers cages who were apparently robbing the bank.

[redacted] advised that he recalls a Boston Police Officer who came into the bank saying to the man in the guard's uniform, "Is everyone o. k.?" [redacted] recalls he believes the man made an attempt to shoot the police officer and then there were two shots. [redacted] could recall nothing more specific. [redacted] stated that when the shots were being fired the two individuals that were behind the tellers cages came out of the rear door by the cages. [redacted] recalls that these two individuals were subdued by the police officers and that the police officers searched for anybody else that may have been in the robbery. [redacted] advised that he can recognize both individuals that were arrested by the police officers.

[redacted] described the robbers as follows:

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Robber #1

Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Height: 5'11"  
Build: Slight  
Hair: Dark  
Peculiarities: Moustache  
Wearing apparel: Olive green suit and tie,  
pair of gloves  
Miscellaneous: Carried a gun and a light tan  
brief case

Robber #2

Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Height: 5'9"  
Hair: Light brown  
Wearing apparel: Short sleeve shirt with no  
jacket or tie

[ ] does not recall seeing this individual with a gun.

[ ] does not recall seeing any paper bag with  
the individual who was wearing a guard's uniform at the door  
of the bank.

[ ] believes that there were two medical doctors  
from the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital who offered medical  
assistance to the man who had been shot. [ ] recalls that  
the police officers refused to allow the doctors to assist  
the man. [ ] believes that these men were doctors because  
they were dressed in full white uniforms and he had seen  
them in the bank on previous occasions.

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[redacted] advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that both he and his wife, [redacted] were witnesses to a bank robbery on or about August 29, 1973 at the New England Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston. [redacted] advised that he and his wife had just arrived from Illinois and were in the process of opening an account at the New England Merchants National Bank.

[redacted] stated that as he and his wife came into the bank he observed a white male in a guard's uniform with his hand in a paper bag at the front door. [redacted] stated that he went to the desk of [redacted] an employee of the bank, to conduct his business. [redacted] left the desk to take another desk and at this point [redacted] believed that the bank was being robbed. [redacted] saw two other individuals, accompanied by the bank guard and another bank employee, go into an area behind the tellers cages. [redacted] stated that both he and his wife were within six to eight feet of the man at the door and they watched other individuals coming into the bank. After about three or four minutes, [redacted] saw two Boston Police Officers come into the bank.

The Officers stopped in between the two front doors. Neither Officer had a gun drawn. [redacted] recalls that the man with the bag on his hand told the first Officer to "drop it right there." The first Officer then pushed the inside door at the man with the bag in his hand and fell to the floor because the man stepped back. The second Officer then fired two shots at the man with the bag on his hand. [redacted] advised that he never saw the gun in the hand of the man at the door until after the man had fallen. The gun was not in the man's hand but was approximately three feet from him on the floor. [redacted] stated that the bag never came off of the hand that the man had the gun in.

[redacted] described the man at the door as a white male, dressed in a guard's uniform, clean shaven, with brown hair, 5'10" and medium build.

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[ ] stated that he recalls the other bank robbers had come out from behind the tellers cages at about the same time as the shooting.

[ ] described one man as a white male, wearing a hat, moustache, short, slender and dark hair. This man had no gun and was carrying a dark colored briefcase. This man wanted to help the man that had been shot.

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[ ] advised that he could not recall a description of any value of the third man that he saw in the company of the man who had offered to help the man who had been shot.

[ ] advised that the officers placed the other two individuals under arrest and removed the individual who had been shot.

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[redacted] advised SAs [redacted] that he was a witness at a bank robbery of the New England Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston, on or about August 29, 1973.

[redacted] advised that he has an account at this bank and was in the bank at approximately 5:00 P.M. to conduct personal business. [redacted] advised that he observed the [redacted] a female bank employee, and two other individuals going to a door which led to an area behind the tellers cages. [redacted] recalled seeing a gun in the hand of one of the individuals and at this he told the teller who was waiting on him at the time to pull the alarm which she subsequently did.

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[redacted] recalls that an individual who was a white male, wearing a sweater and having a moustache, was behind the tellers cages and acting in a very cool and calm manner. This individual motioned with his gun to [redacted] not to move. [redacted] recalls that he saw two Boston Police Officers approaching the front door and that he heard a shot and fell to the floor. [redacted] did not actually see the shooting. [redacted] advised that the rest of the occurrences were not clear in his mind but that he does recall seeing a Volkswagen bus, dark in color with a long haired individual sitting in it, parked outside of the bank when he went into the bank. The bus was gone when he was later released by the police department.

[redacted] could recall nothing else of a specific nature.

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[redacted] was contacted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] regarding his knowledge of the bank robbery that occurred on August 29, 1973 at the New England Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston, Massachusetts, after which [redacted] had given his name to the Boston Police Department as having been present at the time of the bank robbery.

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[redacted] advised that he resides at [redacted] [redacted] telephone [redacted] stated that he is employed at the [redacted] at [redacted] [redacted] advised that on the day of the bank robbery he was making a deposit for the [redacted] at approximately 5:00 P.M. [redacted] entered the bank and was unaware of any bank robbery in progress until he heard an individual tell another customer that the bank was being held up. [redacted] stated that he saw only a white male standing at the front door of the bank with his hand in a bag and his arms crossed. [redacted] did not see the other bank robbers until after the shooting and the other two bank robbers had surrendered.

[redacted] advised that he could give no further detailed observation of the shooting of the other individuals because at the first shot he fell to the floor.

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1.Date of transcription 8/31/73

[redacted] advised that at approximately 5:00 P.M. on August 29, 1973, she was in the New England Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston, transacting business and was present when police officers entered the bank and foiled a robbery.

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She noted that as she entered the bank, one of the apparent robbers was standing at the door wearing a guard's uniform and she stopped and looked at this man inasmuch as she thought she recognized him. She stated she has determined that he was not the man she thought he was.

She stated that she saw the police arrest several men in the bank and she actually did not know that a robbery was taking place and was unable to furnish any descriptions of any of the men.

She states she was in the bank with her four year old daughter and drove to the bank in a red Ford convertible which belongs to a friend of hers. She further advised that she did not know any of the robbers and had not seen them before.

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Sergeant [redacted] Boston Police Department, District 2, Roxbury, Massachusetts, advised that he was the investigating officer in charge of the bank robbery of the New England Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston, Massachusetts, on August 29, 1973. Sergeant [redacted] advised that he had initiated an immediate neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of the bank after he had completed the necessary preliminary investigation within the bank. Sergeant [redacted] advised that his officers had reported to him no additional information which would indicate that any other person or persons were involved in this bank robbery.

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Sergeant [redacted] Police Department, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that the following weapons had been recovered after the attempted robbery of the New England Merchants Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston, Massachusetts:

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The first weapon was a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver number 5853991 which was fully loaded and was found in the brief case with the bank money. The brief case was found outside the door which had "Employees Only" which led from the lobby into a small room adjoining the tellers' area.

The second weapon was a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver, Serial Number 3K14091, which was fully loaded and was lying on the floor next to the brief case.

The third weapon was a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver, Serial Number 150342, which was fully loaded and was recovered from the wastebasket underneath the writing table in the lobby of the bank.

The fourth weapon was a .357 Magnum Dan Wesson revolver, Serial Number 20922, which belonged to the bank security guard and had been taken by one of the bank robbers who was killed in the struggle with the Boston policeman.

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Sergeant [ ] Boston Police Department, District 2, Roxbury, Massachusetts, advised that he was the investigating officer in charge of the bank robbery at the New England Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston, on August 29, 1973. Sergeant [ ] advised that he had taken custody of one black hard-shelled brief case and one light brown soft leather brief case. The black brief case contained a brown paper sack and a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver. Sergeant [ ] advised that the monies seized by the bank robbers was also recovered by the Boston Police Department in the brief cases. The monies had been accounted for and returned to the bank.

Sergeant [ ] advised that CHRISTOPHER THEIN had been shot twice by a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson Police pistol carried by an officer assigned to his section. This weapon, along with a 357 magnum .38 caliber, which was the personal property of the actual bank guard at the bank and was found in the possession of THEIN, and three .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolvers were also seized. Sergeant [ ] advised that the four weapons utilized by the bank robbers, along with the weapon utilized by the Boston Police Officer, were turned over to Boston Police Department Ballistics for analysis.

Sergeant [ ] advised that it was determined that both MARK FRECHETTE and [ ] were wearing false moustaches at the time of the robbery.

[ ] advised that he had taken custody of all the above described evidence at the time of the bank robbery.

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On August 29, 1973, the following description was provided by Sergeant [redacted] District 2, Boston Police Department, regarding the deceased bank robber:

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Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	27 - 28 years
Height:	6' - 6'3"
Weight:	210 - 220 pounds
Eyes:	Gray (contact lens)
Hair:	Brown
Wearing apparel:	Light blue uniform shirt (Elbeco brand) with a left arm shoulder patch with the words "Medical Center", navy blue pants (Filene's brand), black belt (Hercules brand) size 34, black zipper boots (Florsheim brand), sized 11D, purple socks
Miscellaneous:	Black comb and blue ball point pen (First National Bank)

Body and all above in possession of the Medical Examiner. Sergeant [redacted] stated the shoulder patch is similar to that of security guards at Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue, Roxbury.

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Sergeant [ ] Boston Police Department, District 2, Roxbury, Massachusetts, advised that there were three individuals involved in the bank robbery at the New England Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston, on August 29, 1973. One individual known only as CHRIS, was shot in the course of the bank robbery by officers of the Boston Police Department and Sergeant [ ] advised that this individual was immediately transported by the Boston Police Department to nearby Peter Bent Brigham Hospital for emergency treatment.

A second individual known as MARK ERNEST FRECHETTE, described as a white male, date of birth December 4, 1947, at Dorchester, Massachusetts, 6', 155 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, slender build, was also arrested at the scene of the crime.

A third individual, [ ] date of birth [ ] was arrested at the time of the robbery. These individuals were transported and incarcerated on August 29, 1973 by the Boston Police Department.

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[redacted] claims to have no permanent address, was advised of the identities of the interviewing Special Agents and of the nature of the interview.

[redacted] was also advised of this rights by Special Agent [redacted] and presented a "Interrogation: Advice of Rights" form which he read and refused to sign. [redacted] was subsequently interviewed at District 2, Boston Police Department, Roxbury, Massachusetts, and he furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that he currently has no address. He formerly resided on the top floor, [redacted]

[redacted] having left that location several days ago. He further advised that he came to the Boston area about one month ago and since 1966 has resided all over the country including the West Coast.

[redacted] advised that this is his first attempted robbery. He has never been in the New England Merchants Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston, prior to the robbery attempt.

[redacted] further advised that only three men were involved. He met MARK FRECHETTE in Boston several years ago and has only known CHRIS or "HERCULES" for a few weeks. He believes CHRIS came to Boston from the West Coast since he often spoke of Arizona.

[redacted] stated that all three men were armed with .38 caliber pistols. His pistol was a model 10, 4 inch barrel, .38 caliber, Smith and Wesson revolver which he obtained approximately two years ago while a resident of RFD 2, Alfred, Maine.

[redacted] stated that no narcotics were involved. He has been arrested in Boston during 1973 for possession of marijuana but the charges were dismissed.

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by SA [redacted]  
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[redacted] further advised that they walked to the bank and planned to escape on foot. After the robbery, they were leaving town and possibly going to the West Coast.

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The following descriptive and background data was obtained through observation and interview:

Race:  
Sex:  
Date/Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Hair:  
Eyes:  
Social Security No:  
Education:

Employment:



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MARK ERNEST FRECHETTE was advised of the official identities of Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] both orally and through the exhibition of credentials. He was then advised of his rights, both orally and through his reading of a warning and waiver of rights form. He stated he understood his rights but declined to execute the form. He then stated he would answer some questions.

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FRECHETTE stated he was originally from the Connecticut area. His parents currently reside in Fairfield, Connecticut. He stated he attended high school at Notre Dame High School, Bridgeport, Connecticut, but he did not graduate. He stated he quit school his senior year in December, 1965. He stated he came to Boston in 1966 and has resided here since that time, with the exception of one brief stay in California (refused to elaborate). He stated he was divorced, and that his former wife's name was [redacted] and they had finalized their divorce in December, 1969 in Boston.

He stated that at one time since moving to Boston, he was employed for a short period of time with General Motors, Auburndale, Massachusetts. He refused to discuss any of the employments, but stated he was a carpenter by trade. He refused to discuss where he was currently living, but stated that he had lived at 27 Fort Avenue, Roxbury, Massachusetts, up until about a month ago. FRECHETTE refused to discuss how he had met [redacted] or CHRIS. He declined to state who had planned or organized the bank robbery.

He stated the idea to rob the bank was a spur-of-the-moment idea. There were only three (3) people involved -- himself, [redacted] and CHRIS (last names refused). He stated they had walked to the bank, but refused any other details. He stated CHRIS, also known as HERC, was to guard the door and not make a move unless a customer tried to leave or give the alarm. He stated all three were armed with 38 caliber revolvers. His had been a gift from a friend, [redacted] had

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purchased his in Maine within the last six (6) months, and HERC had one when they first met (details refused). They entered the bank and FRECHETTE walked to a girl seated at a desk and told her that this was a bank robbery. He had her call the guard to her desk where he so informed the guard, and ordered him to hand over his pistol so that no people would be hurt. He then took the guard's revolver and stuck it inside his belt. He refused to state his actions from that point on, but stated the next thing that happened, two (2) policemen ran in the door, a second later there were shots fired, and he saw HERC fall and, at the same time, police were yelling, "Put your hands up." He stated he dropped his revolver and that it is his recollection that it fell into a trash can or wastebasket. He stated the policemen then removed the pistol from his belt, and he was hand-cuffed and placed on the floor.

FRECHETTE was adamant in stating there were only three (3) people involved in the robbery. He stated he had no knowledge of the string or wire tied to HERC's leg, and says it must have been just laying in the street. Although repeatedly asked, FRECHETTE stated he had no knowledge of CHRIS's or HERC's real name, or of anything which might help identify him. He stated that at one time, CHRIS worked on a fishing boat in Alaska, that he had come from California, and that he has a brother somewhere. FRECHETTE refused to discuss the matter any further, and the interview was concluded.

The following description of FRECHETTE was obtained through observation and conversation:

Name:	MARK ERNEST FRECHETTE
Date of Birth:	December 4, 1947
Place of Birth:	Dorchester, Massachusetts
Last Address Admitted:	27 Fort Avenue Roxbury, Massachusetts (left 30 days ago)
Current Address:	Refused to state.

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Past Residences: California  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Auburndale, Massachusetts

Father:

Mother:

Parents' Address:

Military Status:

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Education:

Notre Dame High School  
Bridgeport, Connecticut  
(non-graduate - dropped  
out 12/65).

Marital Status:

Divorced - 1969, Boston

Former Wife's Name:

Employment:

General Motors  
Auburndale, Massachusetts

Sex:

Male

Race:

White

Height:

6'

Weight:

155

Eyes:

Blue

Hair:

Brown

Build:

Slender

Characteristics:

Clean Shaven

Scars & Marks:

Denies scars or tattoos

Arrests:

Admits no previous arrests,  
but admits participation  
in demonstrations in  
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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Sergeant [REDACTED] Boston Police Department, District 2, Roxbury, Massachusetts, was advised on September 7, 1973 that the Identification Division of the FBI has confirmed the fingerprint analysis that the individual known only as CHRIS, who had been shot at the time of the bank robbery, was positively identified through fingerprint analysis as being one CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY THEIN, date of birth May 7, 1951 at Wilmington, Delaware. THEIN is a white male, having FBI Number 6326879. THEIN had one arrest on March 6, 1970 by the Sheriff's Office of Tacoma, Washington. This arrest was for pedestrian violation.

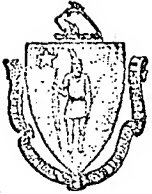
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On September 26, 1973, records of the Medical Examiner for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, were obtained regarding the demise of CHRISTOPHER THEIN. A copy of the Medical Examiner's Certificate of Death was obtained from the office of Dr. MICHAEL LUONGO, 794 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. It is noted that the records of the Medical Examiner reveal that THEIN was admitted to Peter Bent Brigham Hospital at 5:10 P.M. on August 29, 1973, suffering from gunshot wounds. THEIN was pronounced dead at 5:45 P.M., August 29, 1973, at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. THEIN was then transported to the Boston City Morgue where he was examined by Dr. LUONGO who determined that the cause of death was gunshot wounds of the chest with laceration of the lung.

The records also indicate that CHRISTOPHER THEIN was tentatively identified on August 31, 1973 and was positively identified on September 2, 1973 by ANTHONY E. THEIN, the father. The father then made arrangements to have his son transported to his home.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

OFFICE OF MEDICAL EXAMINER

for

North District Suffolk County

To Federal Bureau of Investigation

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 30th day of August in the year 1973 in accordance with the provisions of law, I examined the body and made personal inquiry into the cause and manner of the death of CHRISTOPHER THEIN

aged 22 late of 27 Fort Avenue Terrace, Roxbury, Mass.

who died at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital on the 29 day of August in the year 1973

I FURTHER DECLARE it to be my opinion that the said decedent DIED FROM Gunshot wounds of chest with laceration of lung. Hemothorax bilateral. Justifiable homicide. August 29, 1973. Boston, Mass. Bank. Shot in bank by police during "hold up".

Medical Examiner  
Michael A. Luongo, M.D.  
784 Massachusetts Ave.  
Boston, Mass. 02118  
September 26, 1973.

A TRUE STATEMENT MADE UNDER  
THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY

Date

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

9-11-73 937 ARL

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER 743 676 F, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Baton Rouge	Mark E. Frechette #S4427	4-24-66	(1) disturbing peace (2) vagrancy (3) resisting arrest (4) trespassing	(1)\$15 or 5 das & \$2.50 C (2) case dism (3) \$25 or 5 das susp & \$2.50 C (4) \$25 or 10 das \$2.50 C
Fairfield in	Mark Frechette #2437-JJ	9-3-66	B & E & agg A	
Jail Bridgeport Conn	Mark Frechette #B-1465	9-14-66	agg aslt B&E	
od And Drug min sh DC	Mark E Frechette #51-68-275	2-28-68	poss of marij	
Cambridge Mass	Mark E. Frechette #II-228	2-28-68	vio narc	
D Stratford onn	Mark Ernest Frechette #36702	11-22-68	B of P Resisting arrest	
Boston Mass	Mark E. Frechette 169-846	8-29-73	armed robbery bank BR 55859	
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On August 30, 1973, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [ ] Boston, Massachusetts, was advised of the circumstances of the attempted bank robbery and subsequent shooting and arrest of the individuals involved. AUSA [ ] was advised that the Boston, Massachusetts Police Department had taken custody of all of the evidence as well as the subjects and had controlled the initial investigation for approximately one hour prior to notification of the Bureau of the robbery. AUSA [ ] was also advised that initial investigation has determined that the individuals involved in this bank robbery may have been living in a Fort Hill Commune in Roxbury, Massachusetts. AUSA [ ] was further advised that a witness to the bank robbery, who was in the bank during the course of the robbery, [ ] is also known to the Bureau as belonging to the Fort Hill Commune. AUSA [ ] was advised no evidence has been developed that would indicate a direct connection of [ ] to the bank robbery, and that the subjects in custody steadfastly deny the involvement of any other individuals. AUSA [ ] was advised that no evidence has been developed to link the Fort Hill Commune to the bank robbery other than the apparent possibility that the individuals in custody had been residing at the commune.

It was pointed out to AUSA [ ] that subject FRECHETTE had told Bureau Agents that the bank robbery was a spur of the moment act of self-defiance.

AUSA [ ] advised that it is the policy of the United States Attorney's Office at Boston, to defer prosecution to the local authorities. However, AUSA [ ] advised that the local prosecution should be followed and that in the event a possible conspiracy is uncovered, the matter should be again reviewed for Federal prosecution.

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On September 10, 1973, MARK FRECHETTE and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] after having been arraigned on August 30, 1973 at Roxbury District Court, Roxbury, Massachusetts, appeared at Roxbury District Court for a probable cause hearing. At the conclusion of the hearing probable cause was found to sustain the arrests of FRECHETTE and [REDACTED]. Bond of \$25,000 was continued and both FRECHETTE and [REDACTED] remained in the custody of the Boston Police Department. A grand jury hearing was scheduled for October 3, 1973.

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On September 10, 1973, Officer [redacted]  
District 2, Boston Police Department, was advised by SA  
[redacted] that [redacted] and [redacted]  
of the New England Merchants National Bank had telephonically  
advised the Boston Office of the FBI that former associates  
of the robbery had been coming into the bank on Francis  
Street and harassing the employees in an effort to obtain  
from the employees of the bank the name of the individual  
who pulled the alarm and notified the police of the bank  
robbery.

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Assistant United States Attorney [redacted]  
Boston, was advised that associates of the robbery of the  
New England Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street,  
Boston, have been attempting to obtain from the employees  
of that bank the name of the individual who pulled the alarm  
and notified the police of the bank robbery. [redacted] was advised  
there were no overt acts against the members of the bank.  
Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] advised that since there  
is local prosecution, this matter should be referred to the  
appropriate District Attorney's Office and the Boston Police  
Department for any action they may deem appropriate.



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On September 24, 1973, [redacted] Floor Manager, New England Merchants National Bank, 6 Francis Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that there have been no further inquiries from associates of the bank robbers regarding who had pulled the alarm at the time of the bank robbery.

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On September 27, 1973, Sergeant [redacted] District 2, Boston Police Department, advised that subjects FRECHETTE and [redacted] are still incarcerated at Charles Street Jail, Boston, Massachusetts. There have been no further indications of harassment from the associates of the bank robbers.

It is noted that subjects FRECHETTE and [redacted] are being carried as Armed and Dangerous inasmuch as they had in their possession and used .38 caliber revolvers during the course of the bank robbery on August 29, 1973.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 10/16/73

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: *July* SAC, NEW HAVEN (91-5880) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MARK ERNEST FRECHETTE;

CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY THEIN;  
NEW ENGLAND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK,  
6 Francis Street  
Boston, Massachusetts  
8/29/73

Re Boston report dated 9/28/73.

Enclosed for Boston are two New Haven reports, 4/29/68, and 5/14/68 entitled "MARK ERNEST FRECHETTE, SSN 6-16-47-1171, PROTEST MATERIAL RECEIVED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BY REGISTERED MAIL #294826".

Review of New Haven file indicates Boston in receipt of all other materials in New Haven file.

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Will furnish New Haven with photographs of subjects when available.

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 Special Agent in Charge

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>MARK ERNEST FRECHETTE;</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <b>CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY THEIN (Deceased)</b> New England Merchant's National Bank 6 Francis Street, Boston, Massachusetts 8/29/73		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>atl</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>BR</b>	

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**REFERENCE:** Report of SA  dated 9/28/73 at Boston; Boston airtel to New York 10/2/73; New Haven airtel to Bureau 10/16/73; Boston airtel to New Haven 10/25/73; Los Angeles letter to Boston 10/29/73; Boston airtel to Los Angeles 11/15/73 and Cleveland airtel to Boston 11/24/73.

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CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	PENDING OVER ONE YEAR		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		
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Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: Boston, Massachusetts

Date: 1/28/74

Field Office File #: 91-6235

Bureau File #: 91-48295

Title: MARK ERNEST FRECHETTE;

[REDACTED]  
CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY THEIN (Deceased)  
New England Merchants National Bank  
6 Francis Street  
Boston, Massachusetts  
August 29, 1973XXXXXX  
Character:XXXXXX  
Character:

Character: BANK ROBBERY

Synopsis: Local prosecution against MARK ERNEST FRECHETTE and [REDACTED] remains pending as the result of numerous motions and legal delays. Prosecution against subject FRECHETTE at New Haven, Conn. was declined regarding a violation of the Selective Service Act, 5/4/68. No additional pertinent background information regarding FRECHETTE and [REDACTED] developed. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Details: Investigation conducted at Los Angeles and New York regarding the Fort Hill Commune and specifically the subjects in this matter, FRECHETTE and [REDACTED] has developed no additional or pertinent information which would indicate any additional bank robbery activity by FRECHETTE and [REDACTED]

MARK FRECHETTE had returned his Selective Service card to his home of record in New Haven, Connecticut in 1968. However, FRECHETTE obtained a duplicate card on May 4, 1968 at which time the United States Attorney's office in New Haven declined any Federal prosecution.

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Liaison with Lieutenant [redacted] Boston Police Department, District 2, reveals that this matter has received a number of continuances; however, the subjects in this matter are still incarcerated and he will immediately advise the FBI at Boston when the local courts meet to take further action against the subjects. Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] has been advised of the progress of local prosecution in this matter.

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It is additionally noted that during the course of the bank robbery, a witness, [redacted] was in the bank at the time of the robbery. [redacted] subsequently acknowledged that she used to be the girlfriend of a convicted bank robber by the name of [redacted] a Negro male from Akron, Ohio. Miss [redacted] stated that she had not seen [redacted] for sometime. Investigation at Ohio revealed that [redacted] had been committed on September 1, 1973 to the Massillon State Mental Hospital by order of the Alliance, Ohio City Court. [redacted] was residing in Alliance, Ohio prior to September 1, 1973. [redacted] was committed by probate order by his parole officer. It was determined that [redacted] had not been in the Boston, Massachusetts area recently, however he is in fact an associate of [redacted] and is the father of [redacted] child. In view of this, no additional investigation was conducted at Ohio regarding [redacted]



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TITLE OF CASE <b>MARK ERNEST FRECHETTE; CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY THEIN (DECEASED) NEW ENGLAND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK 6 FRANCIS STREET BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS AUGUST 29, 1973</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY <b>dao</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>BR</b>	

REFERENCE: Boston report of SA **[REDACTED]** dated 1/28/74.

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								PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
								PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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Date: April 25, 1974

Office: Boston, Massachusetts

Field Office File #: 91-6235

Bureau File #: 91-48295

Title: MARK ERNEST FRECHETTE;

[REDACTED]  
CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY THEIN (DECEASED)  
NEW ENGLAND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK  
6 FRANCIS STREETCharacter: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
AUGUST 29, 1973

Synopsis: BANK ROBBERY

FRECHETTE and [REDACTED] to go to local trial 4/1/74. AUSA,  
Boston apprised. A & D.

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DETAILS:

Records of the Middlesex County Superior Court, reveal that MARK FRECHETTE, Docket Number 77179 and [REDACTED] Docket Number [REDACTED] have been scheduled for trial April 1, 1974 before Superior Court Judge at Middlesex County. Both subjects remain incarcerated pending the trial.

A previous Docket Number 14036 for FRECHETTE and [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] indicate they were bound over to Superior Court on September 10, 1973 from Roxbury District Court, Roxbury, Massachusetts.

[REDACTED] New England Merchants National Bank, Security Officer, has been apprised of this matter.

Lieutenant [REDACTED] now assigned to District 3, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that he will be handling this matter and will advise the FBI, Boston of any further developments in this matter.

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AUSA at Boston has been apprised that this matter is intended to go to trial April 1, 1974 and that the District Attorney's Office for Middlesex County intends to fully prosecute this matter.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>BOSTON</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BOSTON</b>	DATE <b>5/8/74</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/17/74 - 4/29/74</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>MARK ERNEST FRECHETTE;</b> <b>CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY THEIN (DECEASED)</b> <b>NEW ENGLAND MERCHANTS NATIONAL</b> <b>BANK, 6 FRANCIS STREET, BOSTON, MA</b> <b>AUGUST 29, 1973</b>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY <b>lam</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>BANK ROBBERY</b>	

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Report [REDACTED]  
Date: MAY 8, 1974

Office: Boston, Massachusetts

Field Office File #: 91-6235

Bureau File #: 91-48295

Title: MARK ERNEST FRECHETTE:

[REDACTED]  
CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY THEIN (DECEASED)  
NEW ENGLAND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK  
6 FRANCIS STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Character: AUGUST 29, 1973  
BANK ROBBERY

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Synopsis: FRECHETTE and [REDACTED] sentenced to 6 to 15 years by  
Suffolk Superior Court Judge HERBERT F. TRAVERS, JR., on  
4/17/74. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Details:

On April 17, 1974, Suffolk County Superior Court  
Judge HERBERT F. TRAVERS, JR., sentenced MARK FRECHETTE and  
[REDACTED] to Walpole State Prison, Walpole, Mass-  
achusetts, for a period of 6 to 15 years, for the armed  
robbery of the Brigham Circle Branch of the New England  
Merchants National Bank.

On April 29, 1974, Assistant United States Attorney  
[REDACTED] Boston, Massachusetts, advised of subjects  
sentencing and stated he was closing his file on captioned  
matter.